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In re Application of:)
YOSHIKO IIDA ET AL.) Examiner: SD Patel
Application No.: 10/006,724) Art Unit: 2621
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING)
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SUBMISSION OF TRANSLATION

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's request for same, Applicants submit herewith a translation of the publication cited in their Supplement Information Disclosure Statement dated July 2, 2002. Attached is a clean copy of the form PTO-1449 identifying that article.

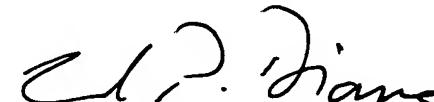
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Since that Supplement Information Disclosure Statement was proper, no fee should be due in connection with the filing of this translation. If the Office nonetheless deems that a fee is due, such fee should be charged (and any overpayment should be credited) to Deposit Account 06-1205.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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